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Siam in the Japanocentric World Order: The Japanese Village of Ayutthaya and Relations between the Courts of Ayutthaya and Edo in the early 17th Century

The site of the former Japanese village in Ayutthaya with its small museum is a well-known and popular tourist attraction. The muban yipun, as it is known in

> Thai, was one of the most important *Nihon* machi or Japanese settlements in early modern Southeast Asia. As such, it has considerable scholarly received attention in the early 20th century. Historical documents not only Japanese and Dutch but also in Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish were gathered and analyzed in much detail.

This talk will first provide a summary of the settlement's overall history. It will then offer a reinterpretation of the official relations between the kings of Ayutthaya and the early Tokugawa shoguns based on the literature on Tokugawa foreign relations, which has largely ignored Siam, while also being ignored itself in Thai Studies.

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